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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FOR AIRGUIDE INTERNATIONAL  
CORPORATION REGARDING ALLEGED TARIFF INCREASES

1. FRANK SCALPONE, ADMINISTRATIVE VICE PRESIDENT, NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION OF ENGINE AND BOAT MANUFACTURERS, HAS REQUESTED  
ASSISTANCE FROM DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ON BEHALF OF AIR-  
GUIDE INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION OF CHICAGO REGARDING  
ALLEGED INCREASES IN AUSTRALIAN DUTY FROM FREE TO 25 PER-  
CENT AD VALOREM ON IMPORTS OF ELECTRIC TACHOMETERS, TARIFF  
NO. 90.28.200; MARINE SPEEDOMETERS, TARIFF NO. 90.27.300,  
AND PARTS FOR ABOVE ITEMS, TARIFF NO. 90.29.000. WE ARE  
UNABLE TO CONFIRM THESE TARIFF NUMBERS OR DUTY INCREASES.

2. AUSTRALIAN TARIFF SCHEDULE INDICATES THAT DUTY ON  
THESE ITEMS IS 6.0 PERCENT AD VALOREM, CLASSIFIED UNDER  
TARIFF NO. 90.27.900. HOWEVER, POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT  
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COMMERCE SCHEDULE NOT UP-TO-DATE SINCE THE INDUSTRIES  
ASSISTANCE COMMISSION (IAC) REPORT "MEASURING, CHECKING,  
PRECISION INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS, ETC...", OF NOVEMBER  
26, 1976, RECOMMENDED THAT DUTIES ON THESE PRODUCTS BE  
INCREASED TO 25 PERCENT. WE UNDERSTAND IAC INQUIRY  
BASICALLY CONCERNED WITH AUTOMOTIVE INSTRUMENTS, BUT IAC  
RECOMMENDED THAT DUTIES ALSO BE INCREASED FOR OTHER THAN

MOTOR VEHICLE-TYPE TACHOMETERS AND SPEEDOMETERS FALLING  
UNDER 90.27.900 ON GROUNDS CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN OF

THESE INSTRUMENTS SIMILAR TO THOSE FOR MOTOR VEHICLES.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DISCUSS PROBLEM WITH MR. JOHN BLAISE OF SPECTRUM 200, NEIL CROPPER AND COMPANY, 200 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, CROW'S NEST, N.S.W. 2065 AND, AT EMBASSY'S DISCRETION, WITH APPROPRIATE GOA OFFICIALS.

4. EMBASSY ALSO REQUESTED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION OR SUGGESTIONS THAT WOULD HELP IN DETERMINATION OF MOST APPROPRIATE ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN THIS MATTER. VANCE

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